

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (currently amended):        A method for conversion of a voice output of status messages from at least one appliance which is contained in ~~the~~ a local area network and is connected to a telecommunications terminal, the method comprising the steps of:

allocating a unique appliance identification to the at least one appliance;

storing first, second and third spoken phrases, which can be predetermined, for the at least one appliance;

transmitting a status of the at least one appliance to the telecommunications terminal as a data word;

allocating the first, second and third spoken phrases as an output phrase to statuses of the at least one appliance, when the data word is transmitted, such that the first spoken phrase is selected as the output phrase for a first status which is identified by a first value of the data word, the second spoken phrase is ~~allocated~~ selected as the output phrase ~~to~~ for a second status which is identified by a second value of the data word, and both the third spoken phrase and a third value of the data word, which is being converted for voice output and differs from the first and second values, are ~~allocated~~ selected as the output phrase ~~to~~ for at least one third status, which is identified by a the third value of the data word ~~which differs from the first and second values, when the data word is transmitted~~; and

~~forming~~ transmitting the output phrase ~~such that it can be transmitted~~ for its outputting to a device for speech synthesis.